

**Policy Statement:**

This policy allows registered nurses, physician assistants, hospital corpsmen/medics in the United States Armed Services and veterans who served in these roles to obtain a National Registry certification and a Vermont EMS license without first taking a full EMS course.

**Authority:**

V.S.A. 18, Chapter 17 §906 (10) (E)

EMS Rule Section 9.3, effective February 2022

**Procedure:**

Persons covered by this policy who are affiliated with a Vermont-licensed EMS agency may apply for Vermont licensure at the **EMR, EMT and AEMT** levels upon completion of National Registry of EMTs testing without prior EMS education by meeting the following requirements:

- 1) Submission of an *RN/PA/Military Challenge* application in the LIGHTS system
- 2) Verification by a National Registry of EMTs Program Director (VT-licensed EMS Instructor/Coordinator) that the applicant has received training on the gap material between the Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant, hospital corpsman or medic curriculum and the learning objectives for the desired EMS license level, and that the applicant's skills at the desired level have been verified in accordance with Vermont Department of Health standards.
- 3) Application for a National Registry certification on the NREMT website ([www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org)), identifying the Instructor/Coordinator as your NREMT Program Director
- 4) Course completion verification by the NREMT Program Director on your NREMT application
- 5) At the AEMT level, hold a national EMT certification or state EMT license
- 6) Successful completion of the NREMT cognitive examinations

Persons covered by this policy may apply for Vermont licensure at the **Paramedic** level without prior EMS education by meeting the requirements above, except that course completion verification must be done by the Program Director of a Paramedic program accredited by the *Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)*.

The application and testing process is as follows:

- 1) Submission of an *RN/PA/Military Challenge* application in the LIGHTS system
- 2) Create an online National Registry of EMTs account at [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org) and initiate an application for the desired license level
  - a. Request that the Department pay the cognitive exam fee by submitting a "NREMT Cognitive Exam Fee Payment Request" application. NOTE: A person must be affiliated with a Vermont-licensed EMS agency to qualify for exam fee payment
  - b. Select as your instructor the NREMT Program Director who verified your gap training

- 3) The NREMT Program Director verifies course completion through their online NREMT account.
- 4) Upon successful completion of the NREMT exams and receiving a NREMT certification, apply for a Vermont EMS license via the Vermont LIGHTS portal.

**Rationale:**

This policy recognizes that registered nurses, physician assistants, hospital corpsmen and military medics possess clinical training that approximates and, in some cases, exceeds that of licensed emergency medical practitioners. After an EMS instructor/coordinator has identified and addressed any gaps between the prior education and the applicable EMS curriculum and the applicant passes the National Registry psychomotor and cognitive exams, they should be allowed to obtain a National certification and a Vermont license.

**Effective Date:**

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